

Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Chelan-Douglas Health District
January 23, 2012

Keith Goehner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Chair, Russ Clark, Doug England, Ken Stanton, and Peter DeVries provided a quorum. The Chair welcomed Frank Collings, East Wenatchee City Council, as the replacement for Steve Lacy, Mayor, City of East Wenatchee as representative for that city.

Consent Agenda

Peter DeVries, Leavenworth City Councilman, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included the December 19, 2011 Board of Health meeting minutes, December Payroll in the amount of \$155,518.24, December Benefits in the amount of \$40,457.38, approval of payment of 2011 Vouchers No. 20110669 through 20110689 in the amount of \$15,011.07, and approval of payment of 2012 vouchers No. 20120001 through 20120028 in the amount of \$12,502.53. Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Program Update

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, gave the Water Recreation program update. Per 246-260 WAC, Health Districts are to protect the health, safety and welfare of users of water recreation facilities (WRF). WRFs include pools, spas and similar facilities. This program meets an important need because pools and spas can be a source of significant injury and illness for members of the public. Facility operators are to report significant accidents to public health within 48 hours. Public Health investigates primarily to assure that any facility or procedural problems associated with the incident are corrected. The program is self-supporting through fees so does not consume any flexible funding.

Board Discussion

None

Public Comment

Several guests commented on the proposed O & M Program changes:

Eric Stanaway, Tryways, urged the Board to set the bar higher by requiring state licensed septic system installers provide inspections, especially inspections performed at the time of sale of property.

Joe Fadenvecht, Joe's Septic, recommended developing standard forms for documenting pass or fail of the septic system inspections.

John Wood, Mike Wood Excavation, requested that inspections not require a stamp by an engineer, as this increases the cost and decreases availability of approved inspectors.

Paul Mares, Premier One Properties, who is acting President, NCW Association of Realtors, said there is a wide variation in knowledge and experience among the currently licensed inspectors. The realtors support the O & M proposal because it would help assure a higher level of expertise among O & M providers.

Peter DeVries, Board Chair, noted the importance of specifying what type of engineer is allowed to sign off on septic inspections.

Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner, and Karen Rutherford, Wenatchee City Council, arrived during the public comment period.

Election of Officers

Doug England nominated Peter DeVries, Councilman, City of Leavenworth to serve as Chair. Steve Jenkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Keith Goehner nominated Steve Jenkins to serve as Vice Chair. Russ Clark seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, presented the Operation and Maintenance Proposal and Resolution No. 2012-001 for first reading. After discussion, the Administrator asked Connie Dorner, Board Secretary, to resend the memo sent early in January explaining the revisions to the Operation and Maintenance Guidelines.

Barry Kling reported that at the January 4 hearing before Judge Allen in Chelan County, the Health District was granted an order allowing access to the Reznicek property, to assess and mitigate health code violations, if he has not done so himself by April 1. And to revisit the property during the summer (by August 1) if there are problems that become evident only during warm weather.

Legal costs are expected to exceed the \$8,000 ceiling previously set by the board, and a further extension of the limit is requested. **Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to authorize an increase of \$3,000 for legal fee expenses. Steve Jenkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

The Chair directed the Administrator to check into lowering the interest rate on the current real estate contract for the Health District building.

The Administrator reported that neither Chelan nor Douglas County had a local contract to purchase vehicles through the bid process, so he requested authorization to purchase through the Washington State contract. **Ken Stanton, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to authorize the Health District to purchase the Ford Escape, AWD, SUV through the state contract. Karen Rutherford, Wenatchee City Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Reports

Bev Neher, Nursing Director, reported that Dr. Linquist, TB medical consultant, was over today to review charts. Chris Jeffries, TB Program Coordinator, is working with homeless shelters to improve screening for Tuberculosis.

Mary Small, Associate Administrator, Community Health and Preparedness, reported that influenza is still quiet locally and throughout the state.

She also reported that a conference call was held to discuss the future and direction of the Preparedness program. The big emphasis will continue to be working with all coalitions and partners. That is the emphasis we have had from the beginning. The most improvement seen in preparedness nationally has been working through coalitions.

Diane Forhan, Associate Administrator, Support Services, reported for the year ending December 2011. The Health District received 101% of budgeted revenue and expended 93% of budgeted expenses. The annual state audit is coming up soon. Diane Forhan is planning to offer cash management training to clerical staff.

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, reported that he will send emails to neighbors of the Reznicek property and a copy to Commissioner Keith Goehner, explaining the property assessment and mitigation.

Barry Kling also reported that he will begin quality improvement sessions for the Food and Onsite programs next week.

Executive Session:

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to go into executive session at 5:05 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations for 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a).

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

Adjournment

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.